



POSTSCRIPT.

SINCE the printing of the Preceding pages the following have appeared, respecting the acquiescence in, and approbation of, the American Ambassador, Thomas Pinckney, Esq. at the Court of London, the answer of his Excellency the President of the United States to Colonel William Smith's statement of the Proceedings of some Inhabitants of New-York, who had disapproved of a Ratification of Mr. Jay's Treaty with the Court of Great-Britain; and the publisher closes the whole with assuring the reader, that

“ The President, on the 15th of August, did
“ ratify the Treaty between Great-Britain and the
“ United States, in conformity to the recommen-
“ dation of the Honourable House of the Senate
“ ---the twelfth Article only being suspended, a-
“ greeably to their vote and recommendation to
“ the supreme Executive.”

PHILADELPHIA, August 15.

*Extract of a letter from Mr. JAY, to the SECRETARY
OF STATE, dated London, Nov. 19, 1794.*

“ I ought not to omit mentioning the acknowledgements due from me to Mr. PINCKNEY, with whom I have every reason to be satisfied, and from whose advice and opinions I have derived light and advantage in the course of the negotiation,

tion. His approbation of the treaty gives me pleasure, not merely because his opinion corresponds with my own, but also from the sentiments I entertain of his judgment and candour.

" My own opinion of the treaty is apparent from my having signed it; I have no reason to believe, or conjecture, that one more favourable to us is attainable."

Extract of a letter from THOMAS PINCKNEY, Minister Plenipotentiary, to the SECRETARY OF STATE, dated London, Nov. 16, 1795.

" Mr. Jay communicated freely with me on this subject, during the course of the negotiation, and I have witnessed the great difficulties which have occurred in adjusting several of the articles. Although some points might have been arranged more beneficially for us, if the treaty had been dictated entirely by the United States; yet, when it is considered as a composition of differences, where mutual complaints had rendered mutual concessions necessary to establish good understanding, I think it may fairly be said, that as little has been conceded by Mr. Jay, and as much obtained by the United States; as, all circumstances considered, could be expected. The business, upon the whole, has been concluded more beneficially for us, than I had any hope we could obtain by negotiation, six months ago, and, in my opinion, places us in a more advantageous situation than we should have been by becoming parties to the war."

NEW-YORK, August 17, 18.

*EXTRACTS from the Minerva, printed by Geo. Bunce & Co.
and the Daily Advertiser, printed by Francis Childs.*

Monday failed for England, in the *Thistle* Frigate, GEORGE HAMMOND, Esq. late Minister of the British Court to the United States. We hear he carries the Treaty, with the ratification of the President and Senate. [MINERVA.]

To the Editor of the Daily Advertiser.

Sir,

DISCOVERING an anxiety to know why I did not publish the letter, addressed to me by the President of the United States, in the words in which it was written; and being perfectly disposed to satisfy my fellow citizens on this subject, I have to answer, that I thought the mode I adopted to be the best.

Confident that the original could not have reached the gentlemen to whom it was addressed, I had an idea of an impropriety in publishing a letter of the President's addressed to others, previously to their having received it: And yet, to have totally withheld his sentiments from the people, I considered would have been neither respectful to him, nor satisfactory to them.

I now, however, enclose to you the letters for publication; fully convinced that the public will be as satisfied, as you have been, that, under the existing circumstances, I acted from the principle, only, of what I conceived STRICT PROPRIETY.

I am, Sir, your most obedient,

Wm^s S. SMITH.

New-York, Aug. 17.

United States, 12th August, 1795.

Sir,

I HAVE received your letter of the 20th of July, covering Resolutions of a meeting in N. York.

As the answer, which I have given on a similar occasion to -----, is applicable to those Resolutions, I think it proper to transmit a copy thereof to you.

With due respect, I am, Sir,

Your obedient

Go. WASHINGTON.

Col. Wm. Smith.

To -----, of -----.

" Gentlemen,

" IN every act of my administration I have
 " fought the happiness of my fellow citizens. My
 " system for the attainment of this object has uni-
 " formly been, to overlook all personal, local and
 " partial considerations; to contemplate the U-
 " nited States as one great whole; to confide,
 " that sudden impressions, when erroneous, would
 " yield to candid reflection; and to consult only
 " the substantial and permanent interests of my
 " country; nor have I departed from this line of
 " conduct on the occasion which has produced the
 " resolutions contained in your letter of the 13th
 " instant.

" Without a predilection for my own judg-
 " ment, I have weighed, with attention every ar-
 " gument which has at any time been brought
 " into view; but the constitution is the guide
 " which I never can abandon; and it has as-
 " signed to the President, the power of making
 " Treaties, with the advice and consent of the Se-
 " nate. It was doubtless supposed that these two
 " branches of Government, would combine with-

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" out passion, and with the best means of infor-
 " mation, those facts and principles upon which
 " the success of our foreign relations will always
 " depend; that they ought not to substitute for
 " their own conviction, the opinions of others, or
 " to seek truth through any channel but that of a
 " temperate and well informed investigation.

" Under this persuasion I had resolved on the
 " manner of executing the duty before me. To
 " the high responsibility attached to it, I freely
 " submit; and you, gentlemen, are at liberty to
 " make these sentiments known as the grounds of
 " my procedure. While I feel the most lively
 " gratitude for the many instances of approba-
 " tion from my country, I can no otherwise de-
 " serve it, than by obeying the dictates of my con-
 " science.

" With due respect, I am, gentlemen, your
 " most obedient,

Go. WASHINGTON."

United States, 28th July, 1795.